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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director for Science and Technology

SUBJECT: Weekly Surveyor

1. The Weekly Surveyor has now been published for five weeks in an internal use only "dry run." Present plans call for external distribution to begin with the issue dated 11 October, if approved. Approval would have to be received by 8 October in order to meet the deadline. If this is not possible, the dry run can be continued another week or so.

2. The dry run was instituted to iron out production and coordination procedures. As for production, extra work has proved to be minimum, and the Weekly can be handled by the OSI Staff without adding to the workload of the Divisions.

3. Coordination also has proved to be a relatively minor problem. One reason is that only a small percentage of the daily Surveyor items are of great concern to other Offices. Some ORR personnel, we understand, have difficulty accepting the principle that the Agency should publish "finished" intelligence that is not thoroughly coordinated, despite the caveat to the Weekly which cites the preliminary nature of the publication. They do not see the need for a "quick-look" informal survey of incoming reports for the scientific intelligence community. ONE, however, does recognize the need and believes that the Weekly will be useful to alert the community as the daily alerts CIA.

4. ORR has been assured that every effort will be made to coordinate and that if there is strong feeling concerning an item, it can be held over to the next week or be withheld entirely. Both OCI and ORR, because of manpower problems, complained about reviewing all the daily items for possible use in the Weekly. A procedure has been worked out which will ease this problem.

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5. At the DD/I's request, the question of the Weekly Surveyor was discussed on 28 September at his Assessment Panel meeting. The above information was presented to the DD/I and his Office Directors by OSI's Liaison Officer with the DD/I. Dr. Cline and others commented favorably on the dry run and the only concern expressed was that the Weekly not duplicate the CIB nor appear at approximately the same time with different views. The panel members were assured that the Weekly Surveyor would not reprint CIB items nor in effect compete with the CIB, which already receives community dissemination. OSI would continue to push for important scientific items in the CIB, and the Weekly Surveyor would include all other S&T intelligence items of interest to the community. From the tenor of this meeting, it seems clear there will be no objection on the part of the DD/I if we proceed with this project.


6. I believe that the dry run exercise has proved the feasibility of producing a Weekly and that the desirability of outside dissemination will be demonstrated soon after it is begun. I will be happy to discuss this with you and Mr. Sheldon at your convenience.



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